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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 02 August 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

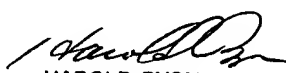
- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment in claim 17 has been entered in order to correct the errant change of dependency of claim 17 made in the Examiner's Amendment mailed May 17, 2005.

The amendment made in claim 1 and the amendment made in claim 7 has not been entered since these amendments were made in the Examiner's Amendment mailed May 17, 2005. While claims 1 and 7 are identified as "(Previously presented)" in the Amendment filed August 2, 2005, both claims are marked up. The word "in" is struck through in line 7 of claim 1. The word "an" is struck through in line 6 of claim 7. These amendments were made in the Examiner's Amendment mailed May 17, 2005.


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